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Re: Cascade Business Park CPA  
File # PA21-001

The Tulalip Tribes appreciates the opportunity to comment on this and other project proposals. The rezoning of this particular parcel does not pose any issues per se, but I wanted to express a concern regarding the overall Northpoint Development plan.

I'm concerned about stormwater treatment, as the larger Northpoint Development proposes 16 detention ponds in close proximity to wetlands and streams, and in areas with groundwater levels. The flood potential appears high as well. Were the sizing of the ponds modeled to ensure adequate capacity under existing and climate change conditions? One of the ponds is proposed to be placed directly over wetland AH, which seems especially risky in terms of adequate storage and treatment.

I don't doubt a strict maintenance plan will be implemented, but because of site conditions, there is still a risk contaminated water discharging to Critical Areas with little to no filtration or flow control.

To alleviate some of the burden of these ponds, have the applicants considered separating roof runoff and discharging it to rain gardens or bioswales to slow down and infiltrate water, rather than sending all of it to ponds? Could any sort of robust maintenance and monitoring policy be implemented and assured? We would like some assurance that all potential drainage problems have been thoroughly considered and planned for.

Thank you for considering our concerns,

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